



## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - SEP 2024 NEWS!



United Way  
of Tanana Valley

As a United Way agency the Midnight Sun Council has various resources at their disposal to help with food, shelter, and other needs. Here is their website:

<https://unitedwaytv.com/>

[To see more upcoming events and activities, please visit our website](#)

## Midnight Sun Council News 16 September, 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

[\(click here for complete calendar\)](#)

**SCOUT SHOP AND COUNCIL OFFICE ARE BACK TO  
WINTER HOURS: OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM  
TO 5:00 PM**

#### September 2024

- Sep 17 - Eagle Books due
- Sep 19 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Sep 19 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Sep 20-22 - OA Toontuk Fall Fellowship
- Sep 21 - Equinox Fundraiser
- Sep 24 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
- Sep 26 - TV District & Commissioner Meeting
- Sep 27-28 - IOLS Training
- Sep 27-29 - Fall Camporee

#### October 2024

- Oct 4 - TV District Roundtable
- Oct 5 - Freeze up Canoe Race
- Oct 5 - University of Scouting
- Oct 12 - OA Toontuk Vigil weekend
- Oct 14 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Indigenous People's Day
- Oct 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Oct 17 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Oct 18-19 Haunted Trail
- Oct 22 - Eagle Books due
- Oct 24 - TV District & Commissioner Meeting
- Oct 25-26 Haunted Trail
- Oct 27 - Popcorn orders are due
- Oct 29 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### November 2024

- Nov 8 - TV District Roundtable
- Nov 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Nov 21 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm

### Volunteer of the Month



We have all heard stories of a hero that gives everything to help the downtrodden or underdog.

The Midnight Sun Council has one such volunteer. He gives in ways that are way beyond expectations. He gives so much that we cannot mention all that he has done for us. After earning his Eagle with Troop 47 in 1998, he followed in the family business and continued to donate his time, materials and expertise in water, pipes, and heating systems to Lost Lake Camp. This volunteer of the month has

Nov 22 - TV District & Commissioner Meeting  
Nov 27 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED  
Nov 28-29 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving



**Starting September 1, 2024, changes were made to our Youth Protection Guidelines. The first change is that Youth Protection is now being**

**known as Safeguarding Youth. Some highlights are changing the buddy system, sleeping accommodations, and reiterating some already known rules.**

**Please [click here](#) or on image to view/download a breakdown of the changes**

### **Journey to Excellence (JTE) Unit Recognition Program to Be Retired**

Effective December 31, 2024, the Journey to Excellence unit recognition program will be retired. Moving forward, metrics for Scouting and Exploring unit success will be seamlessly integrated into unit leader support materials and resources. These metrics will be consistent with those used by the Commissioner corps to support Scouting and Exploring units. This new approach aims to provide a consistent and more streamlined and effective method for evaluating and enhancing unit performance. Feedback from unit leaders and survey results played a crucial role in making this decision. We believe this transition will better support our unit leaders and ultimately improve the experience for all participants as we continue to develop and deliver relevant programs. Units can continue to purchase 2024 Journey to Excellence recognition items through December 31, 2025.

### **IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills)**

earned our respect and sincere thanks.

**Thank you, Justin Cowles!**

His exceptional work keeps Lost Lake Camp operational.

## **FALL CAMPOREE**



Fall Camporee is September 27-29, 2024 and will be held at Fort Wainwright.

Early Bird Registration is \$ 20 until 9/18/2024

Regular Registration is \$ 25 from 9/19/2024 - 9/24/2024

Troop 38 B & G are planning an **Amazing Race** where patrols will compete to be the first across the finish line.

**To be able to get access to Fort Wainwright we MUST HAVE ALL ADULTS to be registered with Full Name and DOB! NO EXEPTIONS!**

**Final Day for Registration is September 24, 2024**

[Click here to register for this event](#)

[Click here to view/download Leaders' Guide](#)

### **2024 FUEL OIL RAFFLE**



IOLS will be held in conjunction with Fall Camporee.

This is the in-person training portion that Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters need to be fully trained. It will begin Friday evening and end on Saturday. There will be time built into the class so you may be able to watch elements of the Amazing Race.

If you are planning to attend, please email [snoaps@mail.gvsu.edu](mailto:snoaps@mail.gvsu.edu).

**Registration will be available soon but we do need to collect full names, DOB and phone numbers ASAP so we can get your information to Fort Wainwright.**

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## LOST AND FOUND

The Council office has a lost and found bin from Day Camp, Scout Camp and Council Rock. Please check to see if any of the items are yours.



THE FRIENDS OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL, BSA  
AND VFW POST 10029 ARE RAFFLING OFF

**1000 Gallons of Heating oil!!**



Purchase Tickets at:

(1) 1400 Gillam Way  
(Midnight Sun Council office)

(2) 4122 Boat St  
(Compeaus)

(3) 157 Old Steese Hwy  
(Graphic North, Inc.)

(4) 3157 VFW St North Pole  
(VFW post 10029)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize : 500 Gallons of Heating oil  
(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)  
(Prize donated by Compeaus)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : 300 Gallons of Heating oil  
(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)  
(Prize donated by Everts Air)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize : 200 Gallons of Heating oil  
(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)  
(Prize donated by the Friends of the Midnight Sun Council, BSA)

**\$20 per ticket! 1000 available.**

Proceeds will benefit the Midnight Sun Council, BSA.

Need not be present to win

Permit # 704-24

Drawing held when all tickets are sold or October 19th 2024, whichever happens first.



[click here or on image to view/download flyer](#)

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## Updates to the Guide to Safe Scouting

In order to keep Scouts safe, National updates the Guide to Safe Scouting periodically.

Below are links to changes made in August. Please read & share.

August 2024 Updates to the Guide to Safe Scouting

[Updated Scouting's Barriers to Abuse with additional resource information.](#)  
[Updated prohibited activities \(eliminating hunting exemption\)](#)  
[Updated Age-Appropriate Chart](#)

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## University of Scouting - Save the Date

**October 5, 2024**

The Fall edition of University of Scouting will include in-person position specific training (also offered online) and supplemental trainings.

The course list will be released soon. Trainings for Cub Scout Leaders will be in the morning and Trainings for Troops will be featured in the afternoon following the Freeze Up Canoe Race.



**We will hold the items for 30 days. If not claimed by then, they will be donated.**



**It's time for the Annual  
Kiwanis Freeze-Up  
Canoe Race  
October 5, 2024**

Grab your canoemates and join us at the University Ave Bridge.  
Safety brief & snacks 9:30 am  
Launch time 10:00 am

Chili and hot dogs provided at the finish line at Pike's deck provided by Lions Club.



**Are you looking for your next Scouting Adventure?**

**Midnight Sun Council now has a Venturing Crew!**

There will be a Venturing Crew Informational Meeting on Friday, September 20th at the Scout Office starting at 6 pm

Contact Crew Advisor Matt Cooper for more information.

[Click here or on image to view/download flyer.](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

## FORTY FIRST ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET

Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America  
Salutes

**Jo Kuchle & Gene Therriault**

Please join us Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
at the Westmarks Gold room

6pm social hour - 7pm dinner

Information & RSVP contact (907) 452-1976 or

[Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org](mailto:Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org)

\$125 per seat, tables and sponsorships are currently still available




## Help Needed - Canoe Fund!

The Midnight Sun Council is looking to replace a number of canoes and is asking for your help.

We are looking for donations to put into our aquatic program fund that will help us purchase them. Any amount will help.

If your business or family are able to donate \$1,500 for the full amount of a canoe, we would be happy to recognize them in an appropriate manner.

Contact the Council Service Center, 907-452-1976, to make a donation or fill in the bottom section and return it to the office.



Aquatics Program Fund

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Midnight Sun Council, 90A, 1400 Gillam Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701

We'd like to give our scouts the opportunity to enjoy their summer experiences a little more comfortably and with better equipment. To accomplish this, we are going to replace some canoes and begin a swap out program going forward. Some of our canoes are getting pretty old and have been well used.

Please help us in getting the word out to any business owners and community groups that you are affiliated with, using the [Canoe Fund Form \(click here to view/download\)](#)

We will start a temporarily restricted fund for donations, in order to purchase canoes and other aquatic equipment (row boats, paddles, oars, and lifejackets). Any remaining money will be kept in the fund to be used for future change outs, and we plan on building the fund over time. If a business, service club, or family would like to donate a full \$1,500, we will gladly recognize them in an appropriate manner, including a mention in our newsletter. The manner of recognition is yet to be determined.

We would like to purchase a minimum of 6 canoes before next season as our immediate concern. Who would like to join me in making a donation towards this worthy cause?

Checks can be made out to Midnight Sun Council and mailed to 1400 Gillam Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701. We also can take credit card payments over the phone at (907) 452 1976.

CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

FROM THE  
REGISTRAR

SCOUT SHOP  
NEWS

### Follow-Up on BeAScout Leads!

With the start of marketing campaigns running across the nation in support of fall recruitment, it is more important than ever for units to follow-up on their beascout leads. Flyers, yard signs, social media content and many other marketing tactics are driving potential Scouting families to [beascout.org](http://beascout.org). Many of those people reach out to get questions answered and/or apply to become members.

The system, though, is not automatic. Each unit must respond to those "leads" and accept those new members. The more often a unit checks the system for those leads, the better the experience will be for those potential Scouting families.

For information on how to manage beascout leads, visit this site:  
<https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/>

Let's help families connect with Scouting!

THE SCOUT SHOP IS  
OPEN AGAIN  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
FROM 9 AM - 5 PM

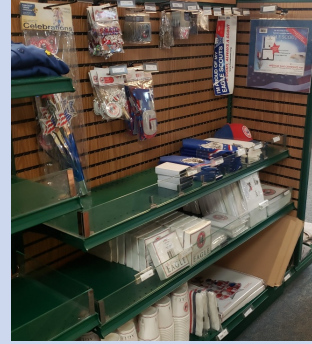
### Scout Shop articles!!

Looking for ideas for Eagle Scout gifts come check out what is available at the Scout Shop.



## New Yearly Registration Renewals

As a reminder, the new yearly registration renewals are beginning to come up for renewal. Please be understanding as we all learn this new process. As National is working out this new process, we are finding that the simplest way to get your renewal completed is to either stop by the Council office or call and we can do the renewal over the phone here. When you call, please ask for the Registrar, Linda. By registering at the Council office, you save on the credit card fee that is charged for the online registration and your renewal is completed within 24 hours. For units that have members registering online, please have a member of your Key 3 check for any renewing registrations that may have a pending approval associated with them.



Lost Lake Camp belts have arrived in the store!



Sale on uniform bottoms

**UNIFORMS**

Midnight Sun Council  
1400 Calkins Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701 (907) 452-1976

**SAVE 20%**  
On Matching Uniform Bottoms with Purchase of 2 Uniform Tops

**HOURS**  
Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Saturday: CLOSED  
Sunday: CLOSED

**SUMMER HOURS: JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 3 - CLOSED ON MONDAYS**  
This above sale is for online purchases on National Stock Orders. Merchandise Online only will be May 15 - November 31. It will be offered on any uniform bottom purchased. A uniform too does not need to be purchased to receive the 20% off.



## Calling all Arrowman of Toontuk Lodge!!

Last month our lodge had its Fall Ordeal where we gained three new members into our lodge. Congratulations Cassie, Claire, and Mary! We completed a ton of service projects out at Lost Lake from taking down the dock to chopping and stacking wood. We also elected new Lodge Officers, so congratulations to:



Daniel Beuchaw - Lodge Chief  
Lincoln Miller - Lodge Vice Chief  
Sam Lenz - Lodge Secretary  
Ayden Foor - Lodge Treasurer

Toontuk Lodge is hosting their annual Fall Fellowship event at Lost Lake from Friday evening September 20th to Sunday Morning September 22nd

This is a weekend of fun, camaraderie, good food, and cheerful service. The cost is \$20 for the event. Please register and pay at the Scout Office at 1400 Gillam Way.

Toontuk Lodge has a number of events in the coming months. Please note the dates and look for the Lodges emails for sign-up times and additional details.

Fall Fellowship - September 20-22

Vigil Weekend (Vigils Only) - October 12-13

LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) - November 15-16

Winter Banquet - January 11

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## COUNCIL ROCK

On a beautiful fall day, the sounds of Cub Scouts laughing and having a great time could be heard all across Lost Lake Scout Camp, as they enjoyed the activities during Council Rock. Council Rock is the first Council-wide outdoor activity that newly joined Cub Scouts can participate in, and camping is available in cabins or tent sites. Parents are invited as well as siblings, making this a true family adventure.

Over 200 participants took turns at stations for 1st Aid, Handicraft, Archery, BB Guns, Nerf Targets, Boating, and the ever-popular Polar Bear Plunge!

Our thanks go out to all the volunteers who ran the stations, the Chair of Council Rock Amanda Foley, the "Not the Staff Advisor" Tasmine Stebbins, though she did all of the work of a staff advisor, Dave Minto for cooking, and all the unit leaders who give of their time for our Cub Scouts.



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**Youth Protection Training (YPT)**  
**soon to be known as Safeguarding Youth**



**As part of the BSA's goal to become the National Leader in Youth Safety there are some changes coming to Youth Protection Training. The Unit Key-3 will no longer be able to edit the YPT dates. As of March 4th, 2024, the BSA will be requiring that the Criminal Background Check is completed before you can become an active adult leader.**

**Units that are rechartering, should encourage their leadership to check on and update their YPT if it has been at least a year since they last completed it. Remember that this can be done individually or the leadership can set up a training date for their unit to complete it all at the same time. Please remember that if your unit does their Youth Protection Training as a unit to turn in a Training Attendance report to the Council with the updated information. This form is available at the Council office or [click here to download](#)**

**As a reminder the Midnight Sun Council requires our adult leaders and merit badge counselors to complete their YPT yearly.**

**Please check your YPT training as some members are past the one year date required by the Midnight Sun Council.**



### **Volunteer opportunity!!**

Devon Doughty the Life Enrichment Director at Timber Creek is reaching out to see if there are any of the scouts that would like to come to the facility and spend time helping. This can include anything from little bit of yard work, spending time just talking with the residents, playing games with the residents and doing other activities with them. They can also always use some help with big events in the aspects of getting it set up and torn down. If there are any of the troops there that would like to come spend some volunteer time at Timber Creek Senior Living facility, please contact Devon Doughty at (907) 328-2218 Ext 4724



**Good day everyone! Just a quick spotlight on a great opportunity for youth to express their own thoughts while earning college, tech school or any other higher learning scholarships!**

(Deadlines are October!)

**Voice of Democracy** (High Schoolers 9th through 12th Grade)  
2024-2025 theme "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"  
(Audio / Voice Recorded)

The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships ranges from \$1,000-\$21,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins at least a scholarship of \$1,000.



## Patriot Pen (6th through 8th Grade)

2024-2025 theme "My Voice in America's Democracy?"

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

For more info click <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships!>

Another program that recognizes outstanding youth, Scout of the Year Program: Applications due in March 2025. Eagle Scouts – Gold Stars – Quartermasters and the Summit Award winners in 2024 or prior are eligible until the age of 18.

Link for more info <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Scout-of-the-Year/ScoutoftheYearBrochureandEntryForm.pdf?v=1&amp;d=20210708T183715Z&amp;la=en>

Contact CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org)

## NORTHERN LIGHTS HIGH ADVENTURE TREKS ARE BACK! CLICK HERE AND BOOK YOURS NOW!!



### BOOK YOUR 2025 TREK NOW!

Our Alaska High Adventure website is currently undergoing some changes and updates. Therefore it might not open for you or just partly open up. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause.

For questions please contact the Council office at 907-452-1976 or find us on Facebook [@NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase](#)

The National Eagle Scout Association has partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI) to publish the latest Eagle Scout Directory

Starting soon, PCI will be contacting you directly by mail, phone and email asking you to participate by updating your information.

We understand security and privacy are concerns, but please know that PCI is a trusted NESAs partner.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to stay connected with the friends you made, the memories you shared, and the adventures that helped shape the person you are today!

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Look for your postcard or email starting March 2024!

NESEA Update 2024

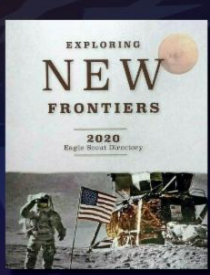
## NESA Update 2024

Eagle Scouts from across the nation received post cards relating to the 2025 Eagle Scout directory. The last one done of this nature was in 2020. [Please see attached flyer.](#) NESAs and Publishing Concepts (PCI) have been working together in the past to create this directory as an opportunity for Eagle Scouts to share their life stories and photos with a much larger audience.

There is no purchase obligation to participate. There will be an opportunity to purchase the directory and other items offered by PCI, this is optional.

Once the production of the yearbook is completed, purchased directories will be shipped directly to the purchasers.

Questions can be directed to [nesa@scouting.org](mailto:nesa@scouting.org).



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**Look for your postcard or email starting March 2024!**



**Congratulations to all our 2024 Eagle Scouts**



**Henry Repasky**  
Troop 1138  
Midnight Sun Council, BSA

**Devin Emmett**  
Troop 1042  
North Star Volunteer Fire Dept. Station 1

**Slater Jones**  
Troop 1078  
Chena Kiwanis Club

**Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout Candidate Checklist**

**Trail to Eagle workbook**

Visit the [Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards page](#) for more information. Updated timeline and FAQ attached.

**THANK YOU! to our 2024 Golden Eagle Sponsors**



Steve & Carol Adameczak  
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Alaska Riverways  
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Andrew Bennett  
Larry Bennett  
Tom and Frances Burke  
Matt Cooper  
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